

## How long does it take between when I take the test and when I receive my certificate?

The scoring and reporting of test results take approximately 6 weeks. The applicant must direct that test results be forwarded to Certification Services in the Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620. When scores are received along with the completed application, the certificate is processed in approximately one week.

For specific information on the test, contact the college test centers at the following addresses:

Carroll College Helena, MT 59625 442-3450, ext. 242	Northern Montana College Havre, MT 59501 265-3221, ext. 3115
College of Great Falls Great Falls, MT 59401 761-8210, ext. 210	Rocky Mountain College Billings, MT 59102 657-1029
Dawson Community College Glendive, MT 59330 365-5525	University of Montana Missoula, MT 59812 243-4711
Eastern Montana College Billings, MT 59101 657-2283	Western Montana College Dillon, MT 59725 683-7153
Montana State University Bozeman, MT 59717 994-4311	

For further information, contact the Certification Office in the Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620 or phone 444-3150.

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# MONTANA'S Teacher Testing Program

Required for  
*Initial Teacher and Administrative  
Certification and Reinstatement of  
Lapsed Certificates*

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## The Rule...

**ARM 10.57.211 Test For Certification (1)**  
Effective July 1, 1986, all new applicants for initial Class 1, 2, 3, or 5 certification must provide evidence of having completed the National Teachers Examination Core Battery with a minimum score established by the Board. Exception: Teachers currently holding a Class 2 standard certificate will not be required to take the test to qualify for a Class 1 certificate if they obtain the Class 1 certificate before October 1, 1991.

(2) Individuals seeking to reinstate lapsed certificates will also be required to satisfactorily complete the test.

(3) All existing valid certificates will be renewed on the basis of the rules under which they were issued.

## The Test....

The Core Battery of the NTE consists of three separate, two-hour tests: Communication Skills (Listening, Reading, Writing), General Knowledge (Literature and Fine Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies) and Professional Knowledge. The Board has adopted qualifying scores of 648 for Communication Skills, 644 for General Knowledge and 648 for Professional Knowledge.

### Who has to take the test?

All applicants for initial Class 1, 2, 3 or 5 certification or reinstatement of lapsed certificates or those seeking a change in class of certification. (Exception noted below)

### Who is exempt from the test?

Teachers currently holding a Class 2 Standard certificate will not be required to take the test to qualify for a Class 1 certificate if they obtain the Class 1 certificate before October 1, 1991. The test is **not** required for renewal of a certificate provided all other requirements have been met.

### Where and when is the test given?

Test dates are established nationally. Information may be obtained from the test centers of all in-state colleges or from NTE Programs, Educational Testing Service, CN 6050, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6050.

Phone (609) 771-7670. Phone lines are open Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., Eastern time.

### Who pays for the test— and how much does it cost?

The individual must pay for taking the test. The current total cost is \$48.

A late fee of \$13 will be charged if registration arrives between the regular registration closing postmark date and the late registration closing postmark date.

If a person is not successful in passing the test, it will cost \$28 to retake any one section, \$38 for two sections or \$48 for the entire test.

Most college bookstores have available for \$7.95 *A Guide to the NTE Core Battery Tests* which includes previously used test questions, test taking strategies and other helpful information.

### What if I fail the first time?

You may take the test again. There is no limitation on the number of times a person may retake the test.